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SUBJ: SUDANESE DELEGATION TO TAKE DELIVERY OF SECOND BOEING 707

1. SUDAN AIRWAYS CHAIRMAN ABDEL BAGI MUHAMMAD LEFT KHARTOUM JULY 9 FOR SEATTLE TO TAKE DELIVERY NEXT DAY OR SO OF SECOND OF TWO BOEING 707S PURCHASED BY AIRLINE. TURNOVER INITIALLY PLANNED FOR WEEK JULY 15, BUT PROCESS APPARENTLY ACCELERATED EVEN THOUGH PLANES TO REMAIN IN STATES FOR ADDITIONAL PERIOD. SUDANESE DESIRE PLANNING TO GIVE MAJOR PROMINENCE TO RECEIPT THESE AIRCRAFT (FIRST AIRCRAFT, TURNED OVER IN JUNE, HAS REMAINED IN SEATTLE FOR USE IN PILOT TRAINING) WITH EMBASSY HAVING ISSUED VISAS TO SEVEN-MAN SUDANESE PRESS CONTINGENT WHO TO COVER EVENT. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND MAJOR CEREMONY PLANNED KHARTOUM JULY 21 WHEN PLANES DUE ARRIVE COMPLET WITH LARGE NUMBER BOEING OFFICIALS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

2. COMMENT: ONE ELEMENT OUT OF STEP WITH ABOVE IS LAST MINUTE CANCELLATION OF PLANS FOR MINISTER COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION, BASHIR ABBADI, TO HEAD SUDANESE DELEGATION TO SEATTLE AND BE SENIOR OFFICIAL

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ESCORTING PLANES BACK TO KHARTOUM. REASON GIVEN FOR HIS

DROPPING OUT IS REQUIREMENT FOR HIM TO ACCOMPANY
PRESIDENT NIMEIRI ON TRIP TO NORTHERN PROVINCES. COMBINED
WITH LIKEWISE LAST MINUTE ADVANCING OF TURNOVER
DATE IN SEATTLE, THIS MAY IN FACT BE REAL EXPLANATION.
BUT IT ALSO OCCURS TO US THAT GOS MIGHT WISH AVOID HAVING
MINISTER IN US AT TIME WHEN AN ANNOUNCEMENT MIGHT BE EXPECTED
OF US POLICY DECISIONS RELATED TO BSO TERRORIST RELEASE.
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